

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION**

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**By PATRICK E. DUFFY, CLERK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 10-23-M-DWM

Plaintiff,

vs.

**FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING PLEA**

KIMBERLY JOE MCCRACKEN,

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 as set forth in Count I of the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Count II of the Indictment.

After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea,
2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges against her and consequences of pleading guilty to the charges,

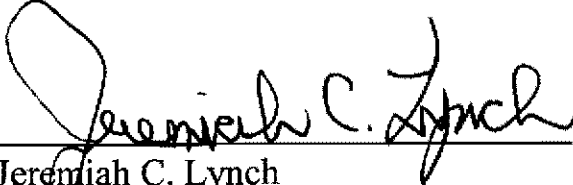
3. That the Defendant fully understands her constitutional rights, and the extent to which she is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and

4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the offenses charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that she fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of Count I of the Indictment, and that sentence be imposed. I further recommend that Count II of the Indictment be dismissed.

This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea Agreement and the presentence report.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2011.


Jeremiah C. Lynch
United States Magistrate Judge